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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Deputy Director for Coordination

SUBJECT : JCS Proposal at NSCID 5 Working Group
Meeting of 9 October 1957

1. At the close of subject meeting, as you will recall, the JCS representative, Naval Captain Wilson, proposed that the clause "except when the provisions of paragraph 8 apply" be added to paragraph 3 of the present draft of NSCID 5.

2. Further consideration of this proposal has led to the joint view of the CI and FI Staffs that there are two objections to the inclusion of the restriction in paragraph 3. The first is that it is inaccurate; the second is that it would be damaging to CIA. The Central Intelligence Agency will not cease to be the national clandestine service in the event of war. It is true that the commanders of CIA forces in active theaters will be subordinated to the military theater commanders. But wartime CIA assets in foreign areas which are not active theaters will remain subordinate to the DCI, as will CIA personnel in the Zone of the Interior. These two elements of CIA will remain the backbone of the national clandestine service. One reason for the conduct of espionage by the services in peacetime is to preserve continuity of experience; the maintenance of an independent national service in wartime is necessary for the same reason.

3. It may be argued that the addition of the proposed phrase would not imply a change of CIA status in time of war, but only a change of functions. The altered paragraph would, however, lend itself to the interpretation that the basic character of the Agency

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would be altered by the advent of war. It is felt that this interpretation could best be prevented by excluding the suggested clause from paragraph 3.

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Remarks: <p>If this memorandum meets with your approval, it is considered that it would be appropriate for the DD/P representative concerned to state the position described herein to the members of the IAC Working Group at the meeting of 14 October 1957.</p> <p><i>a good expression of point involved. Believe, however, DDC is aware of need for changing Capt. Wilson's modification since he had an idea of how to take care of it when he spoke with me.</i></p>			
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